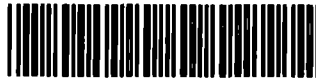


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Fouad Dababneh  
U.S. EPA  
Region 5 (SR-6J)  
77 West Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Dababneh:

I am writing this letter to correct a date in the "Site History" section.

To correct the record, in the second paragraph of the "Site History" you state that my company was involved in the sale and reconditioning of steel barrels since 1930. In fact, the reconditioning plant was built in 1948. That is the correct date that we started to recondition drums.

In addition, if there is any further information that you require, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Gurman,  
President/CEO

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**GURMAN CONTAINER & SUPPLY CORP.**  
**RESPONSE TO EPA INFORMATION REQUEST 7-16-03**

1. Yes.

a. Sodium hydroxide, beads or flakes. Tri-sodium phosphate, dry in bags. Paints/solvents, liquid.

b. Sodium hydroxide and tri-sodium phosphate – Ulrich Chemical and Mid-States Chemical-Indianapolis, IN, Paints/Solvents - Wabash Products Company, Terre Haute, IN.

c. All items were used in the steel drum reconditioning process at about 10% strength. Sodium hydroxide is purchased in 400# drums, tri-sodium phosphate is purchased in 50# bags, paint and solvents purchased in 5-gallon pails. Black paint usually purchased in a 55-gallon drum. Solvent purchased in quantities of 15 gallon at a time. The sodium hydroxide and the tri-sodium phosphate are stored in a clean dry area in our warehouse. The paints and solvents are stored in a fire proof, diked room attached to an out building.

d. All items used when steel drum reconditioning in progress.

e. Reconditioning building.

f. See "c" above.

2. January 1, 1992 to Present.

a. Robert Gurman- President/CEO. Owner, oversees entire operation, all facets

John Fowler, General Foreman/CDL Truck driver. Supervises production, warehouse, yard, and makes deliveries.

3a. Metzger Family prior to 1947

Israel Gurman 7-3-47 to 7-29-54

Isadore and Charles Gurman 7-29-54 to 1-1982

Isadore Gurman 7-29-54 to 1-1-92

Robert Gurman 1-1-92 to Present

b. Ownership

c. Unknown

4. See # 3

5. See Attachments

6. Not applicable.

7. See # 3

8. Yes, See # 1 c

9. No

10. See # 1 c

11. Region 5 EPA, this issue.

2-25-98 IDEM Complete Haz Waste Inspection.

City of Terre Haute Waste Water Treatment Plant. - Periodic Inspections

12. Early 1983- Citation involving waste water limitations. Full compliance achieved shortly thereafter.

2-25-98 IDEM Haz-Waste Inspection. Paperwork deficiency. Lab results not available at time of inspection. Supplied to the IDEM shortly thereafter.

13. Yes.

14. No.

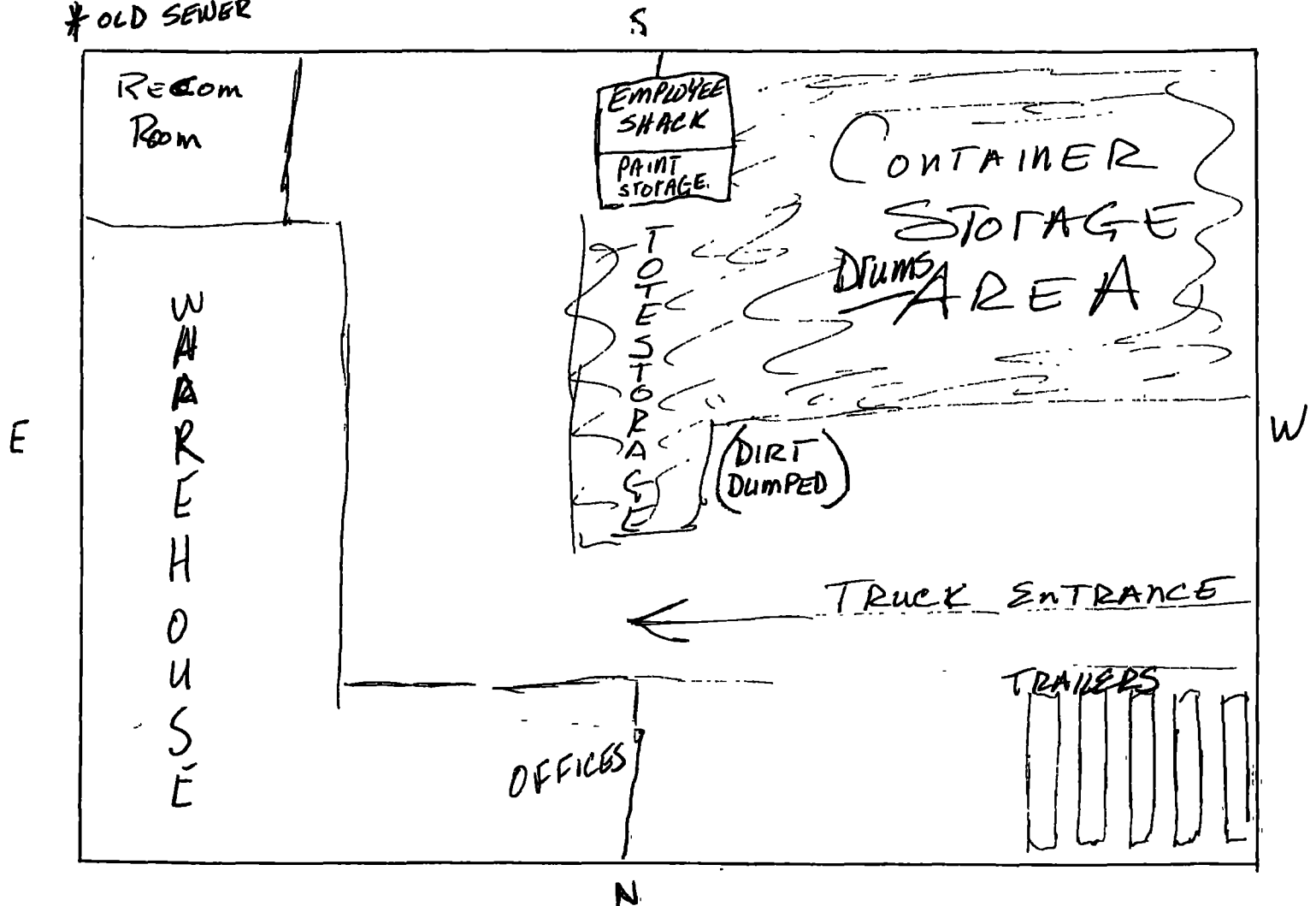
15. All information of this type, that we possess, is being submitted with this questionnaire.

16. None to my knowledge

17. Container storage area.

a.

\* OLD SEWER



17 b. Container storage area. Approx. 100' x 100'

c. 1960 to Present

d. container storage area

e. none

f. N/A

g. N/A

18. None to my knowledge.

19. Suspected contaminated soil has been excavated but not removed from the site. The soil was wet and soft in the location of our latest building site. In order to provide a solid footing for the new warehouse, the soil was replaced with dry dirt. I felt the soil to be suspect due to the location of an old city sewer located on the northwest corner of Third and Elm streets that we used for many years, and the location of our chaining equipment that had been used in the 1970's up to 1980.

a. I believe the excavation pit was about 6' x 9' x 7'. As I remember, the amount of dirt taken from this site was two (2) dump truck loads.

b. Referring to the hand drawn map. The excavation was just north of the reconditioning room, where the last (#6) warehouse now sits.

c. The soil was piled in our back lot where it was dried out and then used to fill in gaping holes in our truck lot.

d. Approx. 06-2001

e. Dennis McGuire, McGuire Excavation, Terre Haute, In, 812-466-3434

f. In erection of new warehouse, it was learned that soil base was too soft.

g. Unknown

h. No tests were done because soil was not removed from the site.

i. Robert Gurman, Dennis McGuire.

20. No Issues.

21. None

22. None

23. N/A